

**DPC invites public to attend workshops on Delta economic plan**

The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) will be holding four public workshops this month to discuss its [draft Delta Economic Sustainability Plan](#). The first workshop will be Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Clarksburg. Details, including the entire workshop schedule and contact information, are available on the [DPC](#) website.

Water Commission to get updates on Delta Plan, workshops

Updates on the Delta Plan and water storage workshops are on the [agenda](#) for next week's meeting of the California Water Commission. It will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Sacramento. A [webcast](#) of the meeting will be available.

**Delta smelt, salmonid reports to be discussed at briefing**

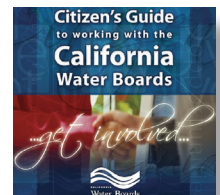
The [California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum](#) has set Wednesday, Sept. 7, for the next session of its technical briefing series. The briefing will be held in Sacramento and will present background information on controversial biological opinions regarding the delta smelt and salmonid. The agenda and registration information are available [here](#).

Corps awards \$4 million for a dozen conservation projects

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded more than \$4 million for 12 wetland and stream conservation projects in California's Central Valley and the Sierra Nevada. The projects were chosen for their potential to rehabilitate, establish or enhance aquatic resources. More details and a list of the organizations receiving the funding are available in this [news release](#).

Helping the public weigh in on the state's water issues

A new guide is available to help the public participate in the decision making processes of state and regional water boards. [The Citizen's Guide to Working with the California Water Boards](#) was put together by the [Office of Public Participation](#). The guide includes directions for submitting comments on water issues and contact information for water boards throughout the state.

**Making sustainability a part of the EPA decision process**

A [report](#) from the National Research Council sets up a framework for incorporating sustainability indicators into decisions made by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA). The report recommends the EPA take environmental, social and economic effects into consideration when making decisions. A sustainability indicator framework is being developed for California Water Plan Update 2013. See the workplan [here](#).

Plan put into place to look at increasing state water facility efficiency

DWR has completed a step toward increasing the efficiency and benefits of California's water facilities. The department has released a [plan of study](#) to define the four phases of the [System Reoperation Program](#). The program will look at everything from management procedures to physical modifications in an effort to get the most out of the state's water facilities.

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